

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 172984  
ORIGIN AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CPR-02 NSC-05 PA-01 SS-15 ICA-11  
/045 R

DRAFTED BY AF/C:RIMARCUS:LAR (TEXT PROVIDED BY WHITE HOUSE)  
APPROVED BY AF:WCHARROP  
AF/C:LDJUNIOR  
S/S- FWISNER  
S/S-S:JCARSON

-----074040 101725Z /47

P 101447Z JUL 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 172984

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PEPR, US, GB

SUBJECT: CARTER/BONGO LETTER

REF: STATE 162537

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CARTER/BONGO LETTER WHICH IS BEING  
POUCHED.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE REGRETS AT NOT BEING ABLE TO  
MEET WITH YOU BEFORE THE KHARTOUM CONFERENCE. UNFORTU-  
NATELY, MY SCHEDULE IS NOT AS FLEXIBLE AS I WOULD WISH,  
AND I AM UNABLE TO REARRANGE PRIOR COMMITMENTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER, TO CON-  
GRATULATE YOU ON THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE YOU HAVE PLAYED  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 172984

DURING YOUR TENURE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
AFRICAN UNITY. THE UNITED STATES HAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED  
YOUR PEACEMAKING INITIATIVES IN THE WESTERN SAHARA, THE  
HORN, AND IN CHAD, AND WHILE SERIOUS PROBLEMS REMAIN, WE  
BELIEVE THAT THE OAU REPRESENTS THE BEST INSTRUMENT FOR  
ACHIEVING LASTING SOLUTIONS TO INTER-AFRICAN CONFLICTS.  
ALTHOUGH YOU WILL SOON RELINQUISH THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE

OAU, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE  
IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR GABON'S  
IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESSFUL AIRLIFT OF AFRICAN  
FORCES TO ZAIRE. THE WARM RECEPTION ACCORDED TO THE  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CREWS IN LIBREVILLE AND THE EFFI-  
CIENT MANNER IN WHICH THE ENTIRE OPERATION WAS CARRIED  
OUT ARE SYMBOLIC OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST BE-  
TWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH  
YOU IN THE FUTURE ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

BEST WISHES, JIMMY CARTER END QUOTE. FRENCH TEXT WILL  
FOLLOW SEPTTEL. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TEXT, DIPLOMATIC COMMUNICATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 10 jul 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE172984  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** RIMARCUS:LAR (TEXT PROVIDED BY WHITE HOUSE)  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780282-0337  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780778/aaaacobp.tel  
**Line Count:** 77  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** e06b6078-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN AF  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 162537  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 18 apr 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2063933  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** CARTER/BONGO LETTER  
**TAGS:** PEPR, PPDC, US, GB, (CARTER, JIMMY), (BONGO, EL HADJ OMAR)  
**To:** LIBREVILLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/e06b6078-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014